REQUEST FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	08/807,737		
Filing Date	February 27, 1997		
First Named Inventor	Hisashi OHTANI et al.		
Group Art Unit	2829		
Examiner Name	Evan PERT		
Attorney Docket Number	740756-1638		

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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1002 330 2002 165 Design filing fee	1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable	
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In re PAT	CENT application of:)
Hisashi C	OHTANI et al.) Art Unit: 2829
Applicati	on No.: 08/807,737))
Filed: Fe	bruary 27, 1997) Examiner: Evan PERT
For:	METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING	RECEIVED
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the filing of Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.313(c)(2) filed on even date herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: